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SUBJECT: EXPORT/IMPORT LOAN FOR TMA

1. OUNIR ABU HAIDAR, OWNER OF TRANS MEDITERRANEAN AIRLINES CALLED DCM RECENTLY CONCERNING STATUS CONSIDERATION BY EXIM BANK OF TMA'S REQUEST FOR FINANCING OF THREE 747'S. ABU HAIDAR EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY EXIM IF HE HAD CONTINGENCY PLAN SHOULD TMA RIGHTS UNDER US-LEBANON AIR BILATERAL NOT BE RENEWED IN 1976 IN RENEGOTIATION OF BILATERAL BETWEEN NOW AND MAY 1976. ACCORDING TO ABU HAIDAR, HE HAS INFORMED EXIM THAT TMA HAS SUCH CONTINGENCY PLAN. HE EXPLAINED TO DCM THAT EVEN IF HE LOST RIGHTS TO THE US HE WOULD BE ABLE TO USE TWO OF THE 747'S IN VIABLE FASHION. HOWEVER, UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, TMA WOULD PROBABLY NOT PURCHASE THE THIRD 747 WHICH IS ORDERED FOR DELIVERY IN 1978.

2. ABU HAIDAR SEEMED TO RECOGNIZE REASON FOR EXIM BANK'S INQUIRY BUT WONDERED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER FACTOR WHICH WAS BOTHERING EXIM. DCM SAID HE WOULD ASK.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE AWARE THAT ABU HAIDAR, IN MAKING THE ABOVE REQUEST, MAY BE ON SOME SORT OF FISHING EXPEDITION BUT WOULD NEVERTHELESS APPRECIATE RECEIVING WASHINGTON'S COMMENTS, INCLUDING COUNSEL ON WHAT COULD BE PASSED ON TO HIM IN LIGHT HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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